

**INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT****CHAPTER 371**

S.B. No. 306

AN ACT**relating to the information included in the annual report of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:***SECTION 1.** Section 33.005(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The report must include:

(1) an explanation of the role of the commission;

(2) annual statistical information *for the preceding fiscal year, including:**(A) the number of complaints received by the commission alleging judicial misconduct or disability;**(B) the number of complaints dismissed without commission action other than investigation because the evidence did not support the allegation or appearance of judicial misconduct or disability;**(C) the number of complaints dismissed without commission action other than investigation because the facts alleged did not constitute judicial misconduct or disability;**(D) the number of complaints dismissed without commission action other than investigation because the allegation or appearance of judicial misconduct or disability was determined to be unfounded or frivolous;**(E) the number of each type of judicial misconduct or disability that resulted in sanction or censure of a judge; and**(F) examples of improper judicial conduct;*

(3) an explanation of the commission's processes; and

(4) changes the commission considers necessary in its rules or the applicable statutes or constitutional provisions.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on March 23, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 9, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**SETTING OF ANNUAL INTEREST RATES FOR UTILITY
DEPOSITS BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
TEXAS****CHAPTER 372**

S.B. No. 734

AN ACT**relating to the setting of annual interest rates for utility deposits by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:***SECTION 1.** Section 183.003, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 183.003. RATE OF INTEREST. The commission *on or before* each December 1~~;~~ ~~or the next regular workday if December 1 is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday,~~ shall set the annual interest rate for the next calendar year on deposits governed by this chapter at the average rate paid over the previous 12-month period on United States treasury bills with a 26-week maturity.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 9, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 2015: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 9, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM AD
VALOREM TAXATION OF THE PROPERTY OF A VETERAN'S
ORGANIZATION**

CHAPTER 373

S.B. No. 918

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the property of a veteran's organization.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 11.43(c), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An exemption provided by Section 11.13, 11.131, 11.132, 11.17, 11.18, 11.182, 11.1827, 11.183, 11.19, 11.20, 11.21, 11.22, *11.23(a); (h) [11.23(h)]*, (j), or (j-1), 11.231, 11.254, 11.271, 11.29, 11.30, 11.31, or 11.315, once allowed, need not be claimed in subsequent years, and except as otherwise provided by Subsection (e), the exemption applies to the property until it changes ownership or the person's qualification for the exemption changes. However, the chief appraiser may require a person allowed one of the exemptions in a prior year to file a new application to confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption by delivering a written notice that a new application is required, accompanied by an appropriate application form, to the person previously allowed the exemption.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

Passed the Senate on April 28, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 2015: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 9, 2015.

Effective January 1, 2016.

**FIRE INSPECTIONS BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL FOR
STATE-OWNED AND STATE-LEASED BUILDINGS**

CHAPTER 374

S.B. No. 1105

AN ACT